

and was attended by a number of tribal leaders and lobbyists, including Kitto, McCarthy, Taylor, Sikorski and Ducheneaux. On April 20, the last day of the conference, tribal leaders and lobbyists from Minnesota and Wisconsin held a well-attended separate break-out meeting “jointly to plan a strategy to defeat the Hudson Dog Track proposal.”²²² Kitto represented the St. Croix at the meeting, and reportedly was a very active and vocal participant. According to Sikorski, Kitto described the involvement of O’Connor & Hannan, and the fact that both O’Connor and Corcoran were advancing the St. Croix’s efforts to oppose the application. Kitto also cited the alleged involvement of Delaware North and its purported ties to organized crime, explaining that this was information that should be brought to the attention of Interior policymakers or others in the Administration. Kitto encouraged the group repeatedly to contact members of Congress and to enlist the DNC, as part of an effort to impress upon Interior and the White House the importance of this matter. Sikorski recalls Kitto’s specifically noting that O’Connor would be attempting to contact Ickes.

Kitto emerged from the April 20 meeting focused on pursuing a DNC meeting. The very next day, O’Connor’s daytimer notes contain the names “David Mercer” and “L. Hartigan,” with their office phone numbers, suggesting that he was attempting to reach the DNC Deputy Finance Director and the Clinton/Gore ‘96 Finance Director at this time. O’Connor’s billing records reflect specifically that he and Kitto discussed setting up appointments with the DNC and the White House during an April 22 conversation, suggesting that the DNC meeting was arranged on that day or soon thereafter. Kitto recalls that he personally made the arrangements, apparently

²²²“Minnesota Legislative Update,” from Larry Kitto to Tribal Clients, April 17-21, 1995.